

University Strategic Planning Group

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Minutes

In attendance: J. Colleran, N. Santilli, C. Brennan, T. Bruce, E. Butler, C. Cassidy ('18), L. Cornelius, B. D'Ambrosia, C. Dietz, J. Dillon, A. Kugler, G. Lacueva, K. Malone, P. Mason, L. Massa, N. Mazanowski, M. McCarthy, A. Miciak, M. Millet, M. Moroney, E. Peck, D. Riley, A. Teodosio, D. Vitatoe, S. Vitatoe, A. Welki.

J. Colleran welcomed the group and introduced the student council rep, Catherine Cassidy ('18). She noted today's work would center on a review of the tactics from last year, and reporting on work done to implement these tactics from the Chairs and representatives of the University Committees and deans. N. Santilli noted that we also need to think about at what point our reports and materials are ready to post on the website, as an opportunity to promote our work outward.

UCSLE (University Committee on the Student Learning Experience):

M. McCarthy reported that the work of the UCSLE committee has centered on student thriving. An experiential subgroup has been working on mapping high impact experiential opportunities to assist in developing structures and processes. Work is being done on persistence and completion, analyzing previous cohorts to see who left and why, and tracking student engagement. N. Santilli noted that while it is important to set goals for retention, we also need to stabilize retention. In the new model of Career Services, advisors are reaching out to specific populations. Work on the Magis Learning Commons is moving towards facilities design. .

CORE:

T. Bruce reported the committee is working on implementing last year's revisions, right-sizing assessment, and investigating double dipping.

CAS / GRAD STUDIES:

A. Kugler reported on work on a strategic plan for graduate studies. A new Assistant Dean for Outreach has been hired. Graduate Studies is working with IMC and enrollment to coordinate outreach to potential new partners and on recruitment. They are also investigating a pricing structure. Work is progressing on the development of new programs. Work is also being done on a strategic plan for continuing education. N. Santilli thanked them for the work on their internal scan, and noted the importance of orienting to the demands of the external environment.

There was discussion on the need to have the same process in place for both undergrad and graduate program development, and a way to move forward quickly through the process.

BOLER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS:

A. Miciak reported that the Boler School of Business's Goal 1 work has been focused on interdisciplinary efforts, looking at leadership - business and society, environmental studies (STEM, social sciences) data analytics, entrepreneurship and the idea of service. The redeveloped Boler web site is a huge accomplishment.

LIBRARY:

M. Millet reported on the work of space and program reviews, including the areas of archives and special collections. J. Colleran noted there may be donor opportunities for improving the Chesterfield Room and the strategic need of improving archives.

UCEP (University Committee on Educational Policies):

N. Santilli reported that the committee began its work in the summer, looking at the Undergraduate Bulletin, to pull out administrative procedures that should not be listed in the Bulletin, and looking into the possibility of developing a more interactive, dynamic, web-friendly presence. The roles and responsibility of the committee were discussed. They are working on the development of a policy template, and determining how often policies should be reviewed.

UCAP (University Committee on Administrative Policies):

T. Bruce reported that, similarly, UCAP is the place to discuss administrative policies. They are working to define an administrative program review, policy templates and review schedule.

UCRA (University Committee on Resource Allocation):

J. Dillon reported the committee is looking at various suggestions for cost reductions, and developing a process to share information with the campus community.

STAFF COUNCIL:

L. Cornelius reported that Staff Council is undertaking a review of its constitution.

FACULTY COUNCIL:

E. Butler reported that Faculty Council is looking at a new program approval process, and undertaking the review of the Faculty Handbook.

BOARD:

D. Riley reported that the Board of Directors is undertaking a Governance review.

Respectfully submitted,
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